

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 10/734,142 Confirmation No. 9271  
Applicant : Yong Seok SEO et al.  
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Examiner : Andrae S Allison  
Entitled : METHOD FOR EMBEDDING AND EXTRACTING  
DIGITAL WATERMARK ON LOWEST WAVELET  
SUBBAND  
  
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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 20, 2007, Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-7) drawn to embedding a digital watermark using index information, classified in class 382, subclass 100, with traverse.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction/election requirement. The claims of Group I (claims 1-7) drawn to embedding a digital watermark using index information, and the claims of Group II (claims 8-9) drawn to embedding a digital watermark using a key, are closely related to each other and define a single invention. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to examine the claims of three groups. Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-9 be examined.

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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